

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the paragraph (Abstract) beginning at page 34, line 1 with the following rewritten version:

ABSTRACT

~~It is an object of the present invention to provide a joint that can prevent the cracking of the pressure sensor connecting nut, the flared copper pipe connecting nut, and the like.~~

~~The present invention is a~~ A joint (50) for bringing into communication: a first fluid passageway; and a second fluid passageway (Pp) of a nut member (20) ~~which comprises the second fluid passageway, a female thread part (22), and a first tapered part (21); and comprising~~ includes a push rod (52) and a main body (51). The main body ~~comprises~~ forms a push rod storage space (SPi), a communication path (Pi2), a seal structure forming part (53, 163), and a male thread part (54). The push rod storage space houses the push rod so that one part of the push rod protrudes along a push rod longitudinal direction (X). ~~The communication path is a passageway for communicating with the first fluid passageway. The seal structure forming part (53, 163) is provided at an end part on a push rod protruding side (X1) in the push rod longitudinal direction so that it surrounds the outer circumference of the push rod storage space. It is capable of forming a seal structure by contacting the~~ a first tapered part of the nut member. The male thread part is capable of screwing together with the a female thread part of the nut member along the push rod longitudinal direction. ~~Furthermore, when the female thread part and the male thread part are screwed together, then such that the seal structure forming part contacts the first tapered part. In addition, one~~ The part of the portion of the push rod protruding from the push rod storage space contacts one part of the nut member, ~~the push rod moves toward the opposite side (X2) of the push rod protruding side along the push rod longitudinal direction, and brings into communication the second fluid passageway and the communication path.~~